

VZCZCXYZ0001  
RR RUEHWEB

DE RUEHWN #0717 3452050  
ZNY CCCCC ZZH  
R 102050Z DEC 08  
FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6932

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 000717

SIPDIS

DEPT FOR WHA/CCA - DMCFARLAND

E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/09/2018  
TAGS: [ETRD](#) [ETTC](#) [PREL](#) [CU](#) [XL](#)  
SUBJECT: REVIEW FOR SUSPENSION OF TITLE III OF THE LIBERTAD  
ACT: ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

REF: STATE 126578

Classified By: DCM Brent Hardt, reasons 1.4 (b, d).

11. (C) Responses keyed to reftel questions:

- Has the host country, in Post's opinion, worked to promote the advancement of democracy and human rights in Cuba?

No. St. Kitts and Nevis has not taken any steps to advance democracy and human rights in Cuba.

- Has the host country made public statements or undertaken other governmental actions, such as resolutions in the national assemblies condemning human rights abuses in Cuba; or actions in support of civil society in Cuba through host country's diplomatic missions or other fora.

No, St. Kitts and Nevis has not undertaken any such actions.

- Have there been any high-level diplomatic visits between Cuba and the host country in the past six months?

Yes, Prime Minister Douglas visited Cuba in December 2008 to attend a CARICOM-Cuba summit meeting.

- Did the host country offer or deliver humanitarian or other assistance to the Cuban People in the wake of the major damage caused by Hurricanes Gustav (August 30) and Ike (September 8)?

No, St. Kitts and Nevis did not offer or deliver assistance to Cuba.

- What is the nature of investments (and names, if known) that host country businesses have in Cuba? What host country businesses participated in the Havana Trade Fair (November 3)?

There are no St. Kitts businesses known to have investments in Cuba. Post has no evidence of St. Kitts and Nevis businesses attending the FIHAV 2008.

- Are there any bilateral trade agreements or other cooperative agreements between host country and Cuba?

Yes. St. Kitts and Nevis has active bilateral tax and investment treaties with Cuba. In addition, CARICOM has a trade agreement with Cuba that St. Kitts and Nevis has ratified.

- Are there any exchange programs between host country and Cuba, including but not limited to: scholarships for host country nationals to study in Cuba; Cuban-paid medical travel for host country nationals; and Cuban doctors working in host country?

Yes. St. Kitts and Nevis is the recipient of Cuban scholarships and Cuban-paid medical travel for St. Kitts and

Nevis nationals in need of eye surgery. There is no wide-scale program to utilize Cuban doctors in the local health care system.

HARDT